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Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 8, 2009

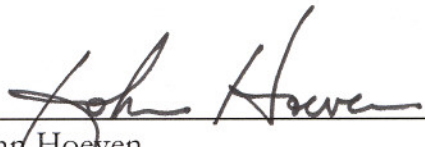
WHEREAS, the freedom and security we enjoy as citizens of this great nation are a direct result of the service and sacrifice made by the men and women in the United States military, along with their spouses and families; and

WHEREAS, since 1984, the Armed Forces of the United States have set aside a special day to acknowledge the spouses of military members for their service and sacrifice, and for the vital role they play in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the personal sacrifices made by military spouses and the support they provide service members are essential to helping the military reach its readiness, retention and recruitment goals; and

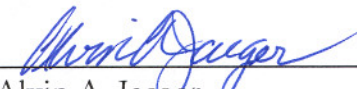
WHEREAS, military wives and husbands deserve our recognition and appreciation for rising to and meeting the challenges that come with military service, acting at times as sole parent and maintaining the home front during deployments, allowing military members to concentrate on their duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 8, 2009, **MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State